



Resource

Mountain View Recycling

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Free Events

Don't miss these free environmental events designed to help Mountain View residents conserve natural resources and prevent pollution. More events can be found on the page 4 calendar.



Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange

At Arbor Day Celebration
Saturday, March 10th, 11 am to 2 pm
Pioneer Park, Church Street
(near Castro behind City Hall)

- Bring old medicines and mercury thermometers in separate ziplock bags
- Sponsored by Public Works and the County of Santa Clara

Questions? Call **408-299-7300** or **650-903-6311**

Document Shredding Day

Saturday, March 10th, 11 am to 2 pm
Parking lot of Saint Joseph's Church
Corner of Castro and Church Streets

- Bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements, medical records, diskettes, CDs, DVDs, VCR tapes, credit cards. Paper in binders and notebooks or with staples, paperclips or binder clips are accepted
- Limit 2 paper grocery bags or cardboard storage boxes (10" x 12" x 24")
- Enter to win a personal paper shredder
- Learn about crime prevention and recycling
- Sponsored by Public Works, Police and Shred-It Corp.

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**

Citywide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 12th, 8 am to 2 pm

- **Sellers:** Register to sell from home or at Rengstorff Park by April 23
- **Buyers:** Maps showing garage sale locations available May 11th at coffeehouses, *Voice* newspaper and online.

More info: **650-903-6227** or visit **www.mvrecycle.org**



On Call Plus Days and SMaRT Station Voucher

The On Call Plus Clean Up Program is available to most residents at no charge. Residents can schedule three free appointments throughout most of the year by calling Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa or mattress at no charge. For a fee, residents also may set out refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions, and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires for curbside collection (these items contain hazardous substances needing special handling).

If you live in an apartment complex, managers must call to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

How It Works

Items should be set out on the curb or in the gutter no later than the night before collection. All materials must be bagged, boxed or bundled so the driver can lift items into the curbside cart for loading. To prevent injury to workers or damage to equipment, items may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4 feet in length, and tree branches may not exceed 6" in diameter.

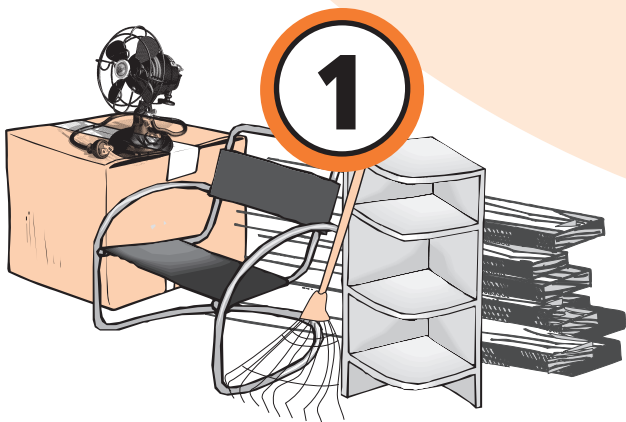
When you make the appointment with Foothill, let them know if you have bulky items larger than a curbside cart so they can schedule a special truck. Also, keep garbage, recycling and yard waste in separate sections of the set out area because different trucks may be collecting your items throughout the day.

Items not accepted include: Concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps and household hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, fluorescent lights, or propane/balloon tanks (see page 3 for household hazardous waste services).

Vouchers

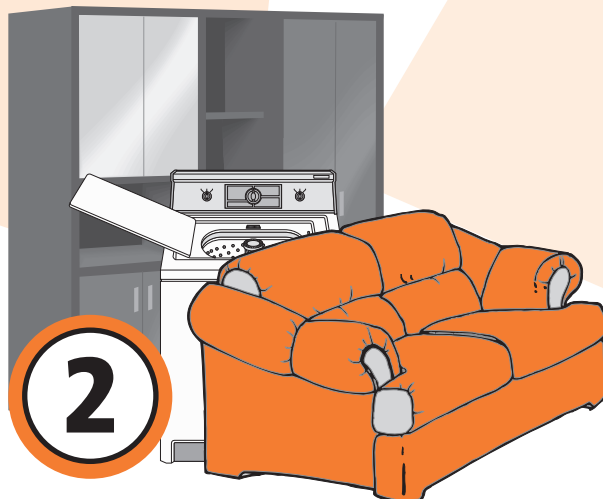
Residents may exchange any of the appointments for a Voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station® (see map on page 4). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers. Also, SMaRT accepts computer monitors and televisions from residents at no charge.

How to set out materials at the curbside:



On Call

Set out extra trash and yard waste in an 8'Lx4'Wx4'H area on top of the curb or in the gutter (no charge).



Plus

Set out up to 3 household bulky goods next to, but separated from area ①, i.e. sofa, washer, mattress (no charge).



Special Collection

Add these bulky goods: refrigerator, TV, computer monitor, freezer, air conditioner and up to 4 tires (extra charges apply).

COLLECTION INFORMATION

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of cart. Foothill will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3’x3’ and place on top of curb.



Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you **regularly** have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you **occasionally** need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Albertsons, Safeway, or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

ACCEPTED		NOT ACCEPTED	
<p>Paper</p> <p>All paper should be clean and without food residue.</p> <p>Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)</p> <p>Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)</p> <p>Computer and plain fax paper</p> <p>Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)</p> <p>Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Egg cartons (paper only)</p> <p>Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards</p> <p>Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)</p> <p>Manila file folders</p> <p>Newspaper and inserts</p> <p>Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs</p> <p>Paper bags</p> <p>Paperback books</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Shredded paper (no plastic bag)</p> <p>Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</p> <p>Glass Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Beverage bottles</p> <p>Canning jars</p> <p>Jam and peanut butter jars</p> <p>Olive oil and vinegar bottles</p> <p>Soup and spaghetti jars</p> <p>Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)</p>	<p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aluminum cans</p> <p>Bimetal cans (cat food cans)</p> <p>Metal food cans and lids</p> <p>Steel and tin cans</p>  <p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7</p> <p>Baby wipe tubs</p> <p>Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*</p> <p>Catsup bottles</p> <p>Cottage cheese tubs</p> <p>Detergent bottles</p> <p>Margarine tubs</p> <p>Milk jugs</p> <p>Peanut butter jars</p> <p>Prescription bottles</p> <p>Shampoo bottles</p> <p>Syrup bottles</p> <p>Water, soda and juice bottles</p> <p>Yogurt tubs</p>	<p>Paper</p> <p>Any paper that has touched food.</p> <p>Beverage cups, coffee cups and bags</p> <p>Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)</p> <p>Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers</p> <p>Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)</p> <p>Foil gift wrap</p> <p>Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags</p> <p>Frozen food boxes</p> <p>Hardback books</p> <p>Ice cream cartons</p> <p>Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags</p> <p>Paper covered with paint or pet waste</p> <p>Pizza boxes</p> <p>Plastic-coated papers (photographs)</p> <p>Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders</p> <p>Tissues, paper towels, paper plates</p> <p>Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</p> <p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aerosol can (empty or full)</p> <p>Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts</p> <p>Pots, pans and appliances</p> <p>Glass Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Ceramic coffee cups or dishes</p> <p>Drinking glasses</p> <p>Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb</p> <p>Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass</p>	<p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs</p> <p>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons</p> <p>Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps</p> <p>Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails</p> <p>Clear drinking glasses</p> <p>Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*</p> <p>Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks</p> <p>Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays</p> <p>Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam)</p> <p>Garden hoses or plastic toys</p> <p>Lids, plastic caps or straws</p> <p>Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes)</p> <p>Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies</p> <p>Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks</p> <p>Styrofoam</p> <p>Toothpaste and ointment tubes</p> 

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

THIS LIST MAY ALSO BE USED FOR APARTMENT AND BUSINESS RECYCLING. CHECK CONTAINER LABEL TO SORT RECYCLABLES.

2007 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*.)
 - 2 Match the color to the calendar below for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).
- Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on March 6 (Week A).

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 22), Christmas (December 25) and New Year’s Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2007 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8’L x 4’W x 4’H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale.

Color = Week A
Grey = Week B

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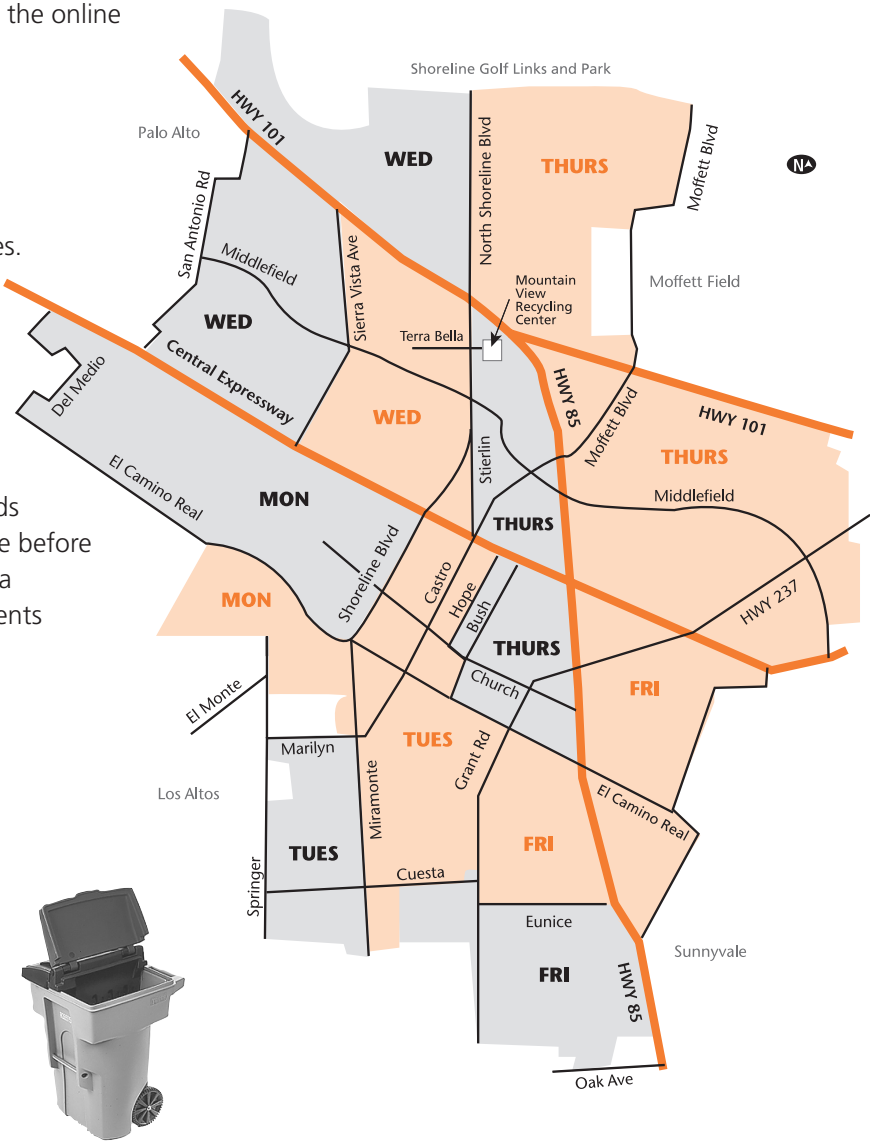
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*Find your collection day online.
www.mvrecycle.org and click on collection schedule

Household Hazardous Waste Services

Are you aware computer monitors and televisions have been banned from the trash? Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment.

Shown below is a list of most prohibited items and places to take them. For a detailed list, please contact the California Department of Toxic Substances Control at **916-322-7676** or visit **www.ciwmb.ca.gov/hhw/info**.

The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Foothill also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Foothill Disposal (650-967-3034)

Curbside Collection
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)

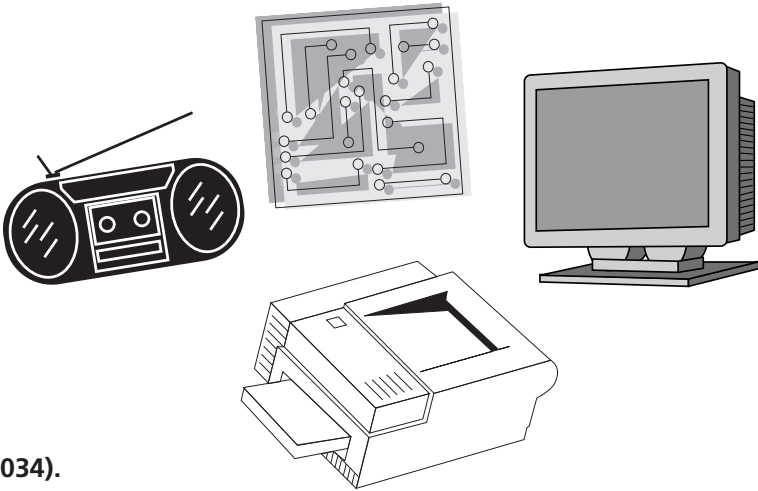
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4)
(fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Facility (408-299-7300)

By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Thermometers and thermostats.



¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (**650-967-3034**).
² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores

Recycling Directory

Buy-Back and Drop-Off Centers

Mountain View Recycling Center
935 Terra Bella Avenue (east of N. Shoreline Blvd near Highway 101), 650-967-3034.
Hours: Buy-Back 9-3 Tuesday-Saturday; Drop-Off available Monday-Saturday, 7:30 am to 6 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

SMaRT Station
301 Carl Road Sunnyvale, (corner of Caribbean and Borregas Ave.) 408-752-8530.
Hours: 8-5 daily. Fees may apply to some recyclable items like bulky goods and yard waste. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Corrugated Cardboard can also be deposited in bins located in the public parking lot on Franklin Street, between Villa and Dana Streets, in downtown Mountain View. Please flatten boxes first.

Services

Utility and garbage billing information including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Foothill Disposal Company
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers (above). Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste can be taken for free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

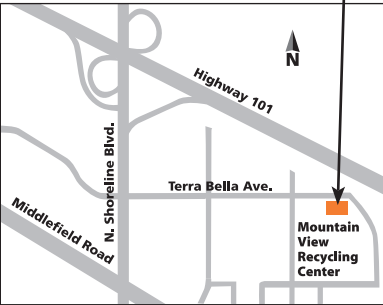
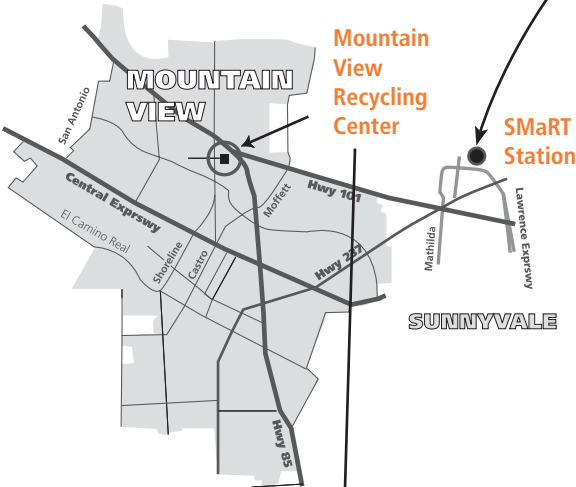
Visit the City of Mountain View's web site for business or residential recycling information:
www.mvrecycle.org

Resource

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Call 650-903-6311.
The Resource is printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper.

Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center
935 Terra Bella Avenue,
Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am-3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

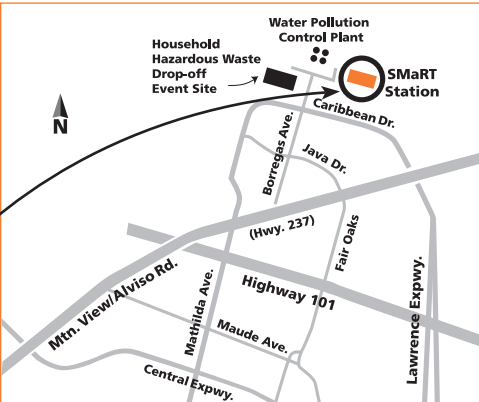
Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

* Accepted only during Buy-Back hours.

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am-5 pm.
Questions? Call SMaRT at 408-752-8530. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Items Accepted (no charge)

Same items as Mtn. View Recycling Center plus:

- Hardback books
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Hazardous Wastes accepted
(no charge for residents)


- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Computer monitors and laptops
- Fax machines and calculators
- Fluorescent tubes and compact bulbs
- Keyboard and mouse
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers and scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers and thermostats
- VCRs and DVD players

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).
² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

Some items above may be accepted in the On Call Plus Clean Up but a fee applies for the special handling of these hazardous materials (650-967-3034).



Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar 2007

March		June	
10	Arbor Day at Pioneer Park	16	Compost Workshop
10	Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1)	16	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
10	Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange (see page 1)	July	
17	Compost Workshop	21	Compost Workshop
17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day	21	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April		August	
21	Compost Workshop	18	Compost Workshop
21	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day	18	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
22	Earth Day www.earthday.org		
May			
12	City-Wide Garage Sale (see page 1)		
12	Community Yard Sale (see page 1)		
19	National River Cleanup Day (650-903-6225)		
19	Compost Workshop		
19	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day		

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off
To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Visit www.hhw.org for more information.

Compost Workshop
To register and request a compost bin, call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online at www.reducewaste.org.